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Founder's Day Is Celebrated As The College Observes Date

**School Originated
By John Boynton
And D. Whitcomb**

Founder's Day at Worcester Polytechnic Institute was observed November 12 in remembrance of the men who so generously gave their time and money to establish our school. The day was celebrated by paying respect to the resting place of these founders: as Dean Howe, Professor Swan, Edward Funk, President of the Student Christian Association, and John Gagliardo, President of the Senior Class and Tech Council placed wreaths on the founders' tombs in the Rural Cemetery on Grove Street, across from Institute Park.

Arrangements were made with selectmen of Mason, New Hampshire, to place flowers on the monument of John Boynton, which is located on the Common in the center of the town. This monument was erected some years ago by the students of Tech, who took it upon themselves to make formal recognition of John Boynton's birthplace. This, and the following information was made known to the staff of the TECH NEWS through the medium of Professor Herbert F. Taylor's book, *Seventy Years of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute*. The many trials and obstacles which the founders encountered in making the Institute possible are presented in this book, and we feel that it is our duty to relay this information to you.

John Boynton, after years of sacrifice and hard work, acquired a fortune of \$100,000, and after retiring from his hardware business, decided that the best way for his money to be invested was to donate it to some educational institution that would provide opportunities to others that had been denied him. Boynton first mentioned this plan to his cousin, David Whitcomb, and his intentions were that a school should be inaugurated where young people could receive a practical education. At that time Boynton had little vision of what the scope of the school should be.

It was agreed that the school be built in Worcester, where there were men of wealth who could contribute to its development; and Whitcomb laid the plan for such a school before certain citizens of Worcester who had the adequate background to work out the many details for its development.

Whitcomb made rapid progress in contacting important men and un-

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New Skipper To Take Over Tech and Cross

**Capt. Sachse Relieved
By Capt. Hylant, Thurs.,
December 13**

The naval unit was mildly surprised at its muster Saturday afternoon by a memorandum from their commanding officer, Captain Frederick C. Sachse, stating that he will retire Thursday, December 13, 1945.

His relief will be another Captain, E. P. Hylant, of whom little is known concerning past commands and duty.

Captain Sachse's reign at Tech has been a comparatively short but happy one. With an inspection that took place not long after he assumed command, he gave early notice to Tech that he expected a shipshape crew.

Strict, and demanding discipline, he, nevertheless, gained the admiration and good will of his officers and men, alike, by a pleasant personality and a show of fair play in all his dealings with them.

The enlisted men are especially very indebted to him for the installing of coke machines in their dorms and the bringing of a Spot-light band to Holy Cross and W.P.I. Naval Units.

Following his graduation from the Naval Academy, Captain Sachse spent two years as a deck officer aboard the cruisers USS CHARLESTON and USS BROOKLYN. Changing to the engineering branch of the navy, he served as engineering officer aboard several different crafts.

Continuing his work in the same field, he spent three years as Assistant Squadron Engineer for Destroyer Squadron 12 and 10. Later shifted to Puget Sound Navy Yard, he directed the building of ship's machinery.

Following a two year run of duty aboard the USS CALIFORNIA as Assistant Engineering Officer, he shifted to the Lighter-Than-Air service. Stationed for three years at Lakehurst, New Jersey, he flew over 25,000 miles on the German airship, HINDENBURG.

Sent back to sea as Skipper of the USS KING, a destroyer, and later as navigator of the MEMPHIS, Captain Sachse subsequently assumed command of the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst in 1940. After taking command of the Lighter-Than-Air

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Glee Clubs Will Provide Yule Concert

**Connecticut and Tech
Songsters to Combine
On December 21st**

On the night of December 21st the Tech Campus will ring with the strains of Christmas music. At that time the Glee Club from the University of Connecticut will journey to Worcester to put on a joint concert with our own Glee Club, with the Season's music as their theme. The two clubs will sing as a combined group, then each will render its own special selections. Tech's special feature will be its Octet, while the U. of Connecticut will offer the "Carolers" as its attraction.

Admission to this concert will be without charge and the public as well as all Navy Personnel are invited. Following the concert there will be a dance in Alden for those in the respective Glee Clubs, and those civilians who wish to attend. For those who can attend (the Navy men must report back to their quarters immediately following the concert) the music will be furnished by the Boyntonians, and the price of admission will be 50 cents per person, or 75 cents per couple.

Mr. Clifford Green has arranged a program of Christmas music of a type that is popular to all and that will serve to bring out the spirit of the Yule Season.

Connecticut's Glee Club is made up of one hundred women and twenty-five men, and of this group the "Carolers" are the featured of this particular program. As their name implies, the "Carolers" are a group of girls who specialize particularly in Christmas music. From the past performances of the visitors, we can, without a doubt, look forward to a very pleasant evening.

Our own Glee Club has gone through an almost complete reconstruction since last term. At that time through the transfer of the Junior Class, a great depletion of the club was suffered. The new men, however, have contributed greatly, and have been of considerable help.

For the last month Mr. Green has had the men practice daily with special emphasis upon the Octet. The latter should provide much entertainment in the coming performance.

Remember the date, Friday, December 21st, and let us all join in and help to absorb the spirit that it will enliven.



A Portion of the Faculty Playing "Military Whist"

TECH FACULTY CONDUCTS PERIODICAL FUN PARTY

Classroom Poise Completely Forgotten; Janet Earle Room Scene of Farce Where Wives and Professors Cut Capers Away from Eyes of Students

"A right and left, and the ladies change! All, allemande left and a grand right and left". With such lines, the "singing caller" was directing faculty couples through the intricate routines of the "square dance" in the Janet Earle room Saturday evening, December 1st. To anyone who asked, it was an "Old Fashioned" party, attended by most of the Faculty of the Institute, but to those who attended, it was an opportunity to turn back the pages of time, to shed the dignity of the classroom, and to indulge again in the frivolity and fun of their college days. To the doubting soul who thinks that the lofty reserve of some of the profs could never be broken down, this reporter has only to say "you should have seen them".

The evening began with a round of "Military Whist". To the uninitiated it is a game very much like bridge which was popular before Culbertson. The tables are set up with a number attached to each. From the number dangles a string of small American flags spaced with "cut-outs" of spades, clubs, etc. A schedule is arranged before the game begins showing where each couple will play any particular hand. The cards are dealt and played as in bridge, trumps being decided by the "cut-outs" on the string of flags. The couple who takes the highest number of tricks receives an American flag as a "trophy" which counts five points on their score, the losers receive the "cut-out" which counts two points. (Know how to play? We don't either.) Dr. and Mrs. Parker at table number four with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown won the highest number of points and received as first prize a small bag of potatoes. The losers were given a bag of onions!

The highlight of the evening came with the "Old Fashioned" dancing under the direction of the "singing caller", Dr. Schultz. Music was furnished by an "orchestra" consisting

of Mrs. Schultz on the accordion, Mr. Levitsky on the drums, and Dr. Butler on the "fiddle".

The first dance was the "Portland Fancy". In this routine, two circles are formed which move in opposite directions. At intervals, the circles pause and each couple does a "figure" with another couple until everyone has danced with everyone else.

A series of "square dances" (Quadrilles to be more elite) followed. For those, the crowd broke up into groups of four couples who faced each other from the corners of a square. (The line of sight of each couple parallel to the bisector of the angle formed the sides of the square). Directed by the "singing caller" the couples went through "figures" individually and then as a group. (We don't understand this either, especially the "figures"!)

A remark was passed in the course of the evening that if the "jitterbugs" who attended the Sophomore Hop could have seen the Faculty couples in motion they would have realized that "Jitterbugging" is one of the more reserved forms of entertainment. (Editor's note.—The results of a test, published in *Life*, prove that there are 55 more motions in doing the polka than in the jitterbug routine.) But even if there was not more motion in the square dancing, there was more noise—a very good indication of a good time.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, salad rolls, cakes, candy and punch were served at the end of the dancing.

The occasion, which practically all of the Faculty attended, was planned by a committee headed by Prof. and Mrs. Harold Gay and Dr. and Mrs. Howard Schultz as co-chairmen, Prof. and Mrs. Arthur Knight, Prof. and Mrs. Paul Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bordewick, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grant, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Green.

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Editorial

With the advent of any sporting season always comes the question: is it possible to obtain a student ticket that will cut down the price of seeing all of the "home" games, and the answer is, YES. With such a thought in mind, we feel that this would be a very appropriate time to elaborate on the system carried on here at Tech that enables students to be a big part in all of the athletic contests—the part of the all important spectator. This discussion will be devoted to the part of the Navy Trainee in such a system, for we feel that the civilians have already received sufficient instruction on the W.P.I. Athletic Program.

In any athletic program there is always the problem of obtaining the student backing, to meet guarantees, and to finance the steadily mounting bills of upkeep and equipment. Without such backing, any such program would disintegrate.

In the support of the Athletic Program, and as an aid to many of the other functions on the "Hill," Tech offers to the student body the student activity ticket. The purchase of his ticket gains entrance to any home athletic contest during the course of one school year. The price is not exorbitant, nor out of reach of any, but is rather a real saving. For this term, which is the off term, the price is only \$2.50, or one-half of what it is for a full two term school year.

Let us give you an example of what a saving the ticket is to YOU, even for basketball alone. Since there are nine scheduled home games this season, and the price of admission is seventy cents per game, that would amount to \$6.30 for the entire season. From this it can be readily seen how reasonable is the price of an activity ticket, and how much is to be gained by the holder of one of them.

The Athletic Association is not the only organization that is benefited by the income from this particular source. The Student Christian Association, which does a great deal for the propagation of student activity also gets a share of the proceeds. Our own TECH NEWS is also a recipient of funds, which help to defray the costs of providing you with the news about the campus. The activity ticket is truly a benefit to all of us.

Not to look on the dark side of matters, but rather to look into the life on the Tech Campus without such a cause might be interesting at this time. Since the Navy came to W.P.I. the Trainees have given their full cooperation to the athletic teams and to the athletic funds. If it had not been for this loyal support, Tech would not be represented at all, in the field of sports. Those who have gone before us have made it possible for us to have our teams on every field, but if we do not carry on with this example, athletics will disappear from our life. Right now the Athletic Association needs your help, for without it, there will be no baseball next spring, nor will there be tennis or dinghy racing.

Ordinarily these tickets cover one school year, or two terms, at which time their price is \$5.00. This covers all athletic admissions during that time, and insures the continuation of the other beneficial organizations mentioned above. Since this is the middle of the two term period, it has been decided to offer you the ticket for \$2.50, with its expiration date set for the end of the term.

From this short discussion, we hope that you have gained some idea of how much benefit will be spread by your purchase of this ticket. You will benefit by saving on admissions to sports activities—the school will benefit by being able to keep up its reputation in the athletic world—the gain to the other organizations will enable them to continue their activities, which reach out to all of you.

Let's have no hesitation; the activity tickets can be purchased at the Bursar's Office in Boynton Hall. LET'S ALL GET BEHIND THIS CAUSE AND BUY OUR TICKETS "NOW."

The Greek Column

S.P.E.

On November 16th, the chapter elected the following officers: President, Ernie Hayek; Vice-President, Dick Propst; Secretary, Charlie Jones; and Ben Barker, who was unanimously re-elected to the exalted position of house manager. The brothers wish to thank Don Gilmore for his excellent service as former President, and welcome Ernie Hayek to the new position.

Dave Wright, formerly of the Mass. State chapter and the Army of the United States, has entered Tech and is living at the house. Dave is studying Civil engineering.

Although Sig Ep's relay team is running against some good competition, the boys are out there fighting. The following comprise the team: Ben Richter, Fred Torrey, Russ Wood, Charlie Jones, and John Orcutt.

During the past month Ensign Roger Brown from Columbia visited the house.

T.K.P.

During the course of the past week Bill Grogan along with "Red" Meade, who was recently discharged from the Navy, and who expects to return to Tech in March, visited the House.

In conjunction with the Sophomore Hop, an Intermission Party was held at the House with very successful results.

On last Saturday afternoon the following men were pledged to the

Fraternity: Steve Ucich, Al Wright, Oresto Persechino, John Horan, Jim Gillespie, Herb Johnson, and Fred Burak.

A.E.P.

Dick Mayer and Sam Ringel of the alumni visited the house last week.

A dance was held Saturday, December 7th, at the chapter house.

The 5th anniversary banquet and dance is to be held at the Hotel Sheraton on January 19th. The committee in charge consists of: Al Strogoff, Jim Genser, Harvey Robinson, and Harold Okun.

The winter breeze has brought us tidings that the chapter will very likely be host for the Regional New England Convention of A.E.P. some time in March.

T.K.

Sid Weatherhead has resumed his studies at the Institute. Welcome back, Sid!

During the last week, Tom Wylie, former Managing Editor of TECH NEWS, visited the house. Tom is now a member of the armed forces.

P.S.K.

After the game Saturday night, a pledge party and dance was held at the house. Fifteen couples attended.

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"Ace" Walton, of the Tech V-12 unit, has been discharged from the Navy and will make his residence at the house while continuing studies on the Hill.

On December 21st Phi Sig will hold a Christmas party for 10 fellows from the Worcester Boys' Club. On the following night the annual house Christmas party will be held.

L.C.A.

Open house was held after the basketball game Saturday night for the brothers and their friends. Refreshments were served.

Charlie Rollins of the Freshman Class has been accepted by the Navy Air Corps. Good luck, Charlie!

A.T.O.

Tom Beakey, one of the newer pledges of the fraternity, has endeared himself to the hearts of all the other fellows with his "Ye Olde Time Coffee Shop," in which he serves coffee at all times to relieve the fagged nerves caused by a tough physics exam or the like.

The gods of love are playing a sad tune on the heartstrings of Fred Banan. While he is diligently poring over the intricacies of Chem Engin until the wee hours of the morn, his better half is far across the sea in England.

Not so unlucky in affairs of the heart is Ensign Jack Barrett, '46, who visited the house last week. He announced the date of his forthcoming marriage to Miss Kay Toomey, of Worcester, as December 29, 1945. At present he is stationed at the Boston Navy Yard. Congratulations from all, Jack!



RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING KEEP GENERAL ELECTRIC YEARS AHEAD

YOUR FUTURE IN ELECTRONICS



ELECTRONICS, always just around the corner before the war, is now full grown. During the war itself, it was almost a million-dollar-a-day business at General Electric. Now G.E. has begun construction of "Electronics Park" near Syracuse, New York. Laid out like a college campus, this plant will have every modern facility for the design, development, and manufacture of electronics products. The men who work there will be part of one of the greatest industries to turn from war to peace.

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GENERAL ELECTRIC

GAZING AROUND

By Ted Gazda

By the time that this issue of the TECH NEWS is distributed, the results of the first basketball game with the American International College of Springfield will be known to all. Until this columnist is shown differently, he will continue to uphold a pessimistic outlook toward the coming season.

Although the Techmen have tried their hand in two practice games with the Norton Abrasives quintet, the exhibitions were not ones to which we may point with pride. The squad was obviously the underdog in both contests even though the scores showed that the honors were split between the two teams.

The Norton five played with a definite handicap. Two of the men who played with them are Chief Specialists from Holy Cross and Tech, showing that the team they presented on the court had not practiced together. As a result, the individuals did not know their capabilities or shortcomings as a team. Against such an aggregation, the Tech squad, theoretically the better team because of the practices it has had, was able to eke out only a slim four-point margin in the first encounter, and they dropped the second meet by six points in a slightly higher pointed game. All in all, the hoopsters are not as good as we would like to have them.

In contrast with the Greendale outfit, the American International College five is not an aggregation, but rather an efficient machine that has won all five of its first five tries. Paced by two six-foot, two-inch men who control the backboards almost at will, the Aces are back in the superb form they enjoyed before Selective Service interfered. Their squad does not depend on just those two men, however, but has two others who are over six feet together with one shorter man who is definitely ace-high in his playing. The lack of height that has given Staggs numerous worries from the start of the season may wreak havoc in this game. With nothing to look back to but the practice games, the outlook is not pleasant.

Reasons for such a statement are not hard to find. The general play of the quintet is spotty. It lacks that certain something that makes five players a team. Our offensive power is marred by a seeming inability to make many of the passes click and by frequent tie-ups in the corners of the hardwood, resulting from what appears to be an unmastered method of moving the ball. The defense is weak as a result of a haphazard man-to-man protection that often leaves opponents in the clear for set shots. Unless the men find the missing requirements before, or during, their first game, I expect to see Tech

on the short end of the score sheet.

Provided that my predictions for the season do not turn out as well as those for the starting team (four out of five), we can thank the squad for its inherent abilities. Individually, the men have a great deal of potential defensive, offensive, and scoring power, but the "missing link" is coordination. One man cannot play a ball game against a team, and, by the same token, different men starting at different times throughout the period cannot win against that team. The one thing that Tech can count on is the scoring power of John Laffey. In those practice games, he led not only his teammates, but also his opponents. Cliff Juergens may vie with Laffey for high-score honors as a result of his specialty: push shots from away out on the court. Too much cannot be said about the sterling game played by captain-elect, Bob Kuykendall, the little man with the big reach. Completing the quintet are Steve Uchich and Bob Carlson, two good men who know the game but need the polish necessary to make first-class college basketballers. To be definitely missed from the line-up is Lou McKinney, a promising forward, who is ineligible via the "tree", the Navy scholastic ineligibility list.

Looking ahead to the encounters following that with A.I.C., the quintet will meet an old-time rival, powerful Brown, on the opponents' floor. This match is Tech's disadvantage on three counts: it is an early game with a school that has always produced a formidable foe, and Brown has the advantage of playing on a familiar home court. Following the contest at Providence, the Staggs meet Norwich on the Alumni court and then travel to Hartford in an attempt to better Trinity efforts. Perhaps a strong start to the season will develop the squad; let us hope that it doesn't demoralize them, as was the effect during the sport season just passed.

I am going to close with a gripe in the form of a question. Why isn't something done to repair the leaks in the gymnasium roof? Several accidents have occurred this season already, and those experienced last year should be ample evidence that something must be done immediately. I speak from experience when I say that it is not at all pleasant to be playing basketball in the middle of the court and suddenly find oneself sliding across the floor on bare legs. The condition certainly does not help our men by their knowing the floor, nor does it create a favorable impression toward the school with those who play here as our guests. How about it, Doc; will the roof be repaired during the Christmas vacation, or can we expect spills again this year every time it rains or snows?

Tech Courtmen Split Matches With Norton's

Starting Five Displays Improved Teamwork As Laffey Stands Out

With the sharp-shooting Jack Laffey leading the scorers with 22 points, the Worcester Tech basketball team edged out the Norton Abrasives' team 54 to 50 last week in a practice game at the Tech gym. The team, as a whole, has shown decided improvement in the three weeks that practice has been under way; and they gave definite implications that Coach Staggs will have another successful quintet this season.

After the Techmen had gotten over their early game jitters which had allowed the veteran Greendale outfit to take a slight lead, the game turned into a thrilling slam-bang affair with baskets being popped from all parts of the court. Led by Laffey; Cliff Juergens with his fancy one-arm long shots; and Captain Bob Kuykendall, who played his usual dependable offensive and defensive game, the men of Boynton were able to forge slightly ahead of their opponents. For Nortons, big Mutt Johnson, kept his ball club in the running with his clever faking, right-handed and left-handed hook shots from the bucket position.

The Staggs displayed plenty of fight throughout the game, which is quite an important factor to a winning ball club. In fact, they displayed such vigor and determination that they held Chief Heather, who is now displaying his basketball talent for the Abrasives outfit, to nary a basket.

In the final tune-up for their opening game of the season, the W.P.I. basketball team engaged the Norton Abrasives in another practice game last Tuesday night at the Tech gym. This time, however, the Staggs were defeated by the older and more experienced Greendale quintet by the tune of 67 to 61. Even in defeat the Tech cagers played remarkably well, as they showed a decided improvement in team play and ball handling over the previous game. While no individual can be singled out as being the star of the game,

Tech Cagers Loose To A.I.C. As Hoop Proves Difficult Target

I. F. Relays Begin With Keen Spirit

T.K.P. and L.X.A. Tied For Top Spot as Third Week Gets Underway

The Interfraternity Relays which began November 28, have provided much spirited competition between the fraternities on the Hill. Competition has been keen in past years; but with two weeks of the relay schedule already by, it can readily be seen from the runners' enthusiastic response to help bring a victory for their respective fraternities that the current relays will be among the most spirited ever run in the Tech gym.

The current leaders in the relays are TKP and LXA which have both won four straight contests since the start of the meets. At this time we find battling it out to knock the leaders out of their top notch position. It is hard to tell, now, which fraternity will come out as ultimate victor at the season's close. With such fraternities as TKP, LXA and SAE giving such close competition for the top rung in the standing, anything can happen to upset the favorites and dump them from the "win, place and show" positions and place them in the most feared of spot of them all, the cellar. As this issue of the TECH NEWS goes to press we find the cellar occupants to be PGD and TK, who have encountered tough luck in their opening races by meeting some of the stronger relay teams, which was definitely not to their advantage.

The men on the teams need moral support, so how about getting over to the gym and giving your team some vocal support.

every one of the Techmen performed admirably, with everyone scoring. Thus, they have shown beyond doubt that Coach Staggs will not have a fine starting five this season, but also that he will have some first class reserves.

Smooth, Accurate Play Win Out With Score of 45-37

Tech's promising, but inexperienced basketball team, opened its new season with a tough opponent by ending up on the short end of a 45 to 37 score against a more seasoned quintet from American International College before 1000 spectators in Alumni Gymnasium Saturday night. The Springfield team was paced to its fifth victory in six starts by two veterans as Captain Allen a bespectacled set shot artist who pumped home 14 points, and Jamroz, who connected for 12, to lead their team in scoring.

Starting for Tech was Steve Uchich at center, Jack Laffey and Cliff Juergens at the forward posts, with Captain Bob Kuykendall and Bob Carlson filling the guard slots. The game opened with several wild shots by both teams with neither side scoring until Cliff Juergens broke the ice by sinking a foul shot.

Tech gave the favored Aces a lesson in speed and ball-handling during the opening twenty minutes, as the engineers were putting up at least three shots to every one for the visitors attempt, but the home team just couldn't connect with the basket. After leading most of the way, they finally fell behind and finished the half trailing A.I.C. by four points.

During the second half Tech's ball-handling fell off as they became a bit too eager with their passes. The speedy Jamroz paced an A.I.C. spurt which soon rolled the score up to 29-19. Jack Laffey came through with three beautiful side court shots in rapid succession and Captain Bob Kuykendall followed up by dribbling the entire length of the floor for the evening's most spectacular score, which cut A.I.C.'s lead to a mere two points. Here Tech committed several fouls, allowing A.I.C. to drop two free tries that started another scoring spree for the visitors.

Kuykendall and Uchich led the scoring with 10 points apiece, Laffey followed with 8 points to his credit. Ace Walton and Russ Bradlaw, while they didn't see too much action, both put in an excellent performance and will no doubt see plenty of action before the season is over. Auggie Kellermann and George Fritz also put in commendable performances for the Tech quintet.

The Jayvees lost in an exciting overtime preliminary, as Kosier's free toss after the final whistle evened the score. With Tech failing to score in the overtime, and Kosier's fine shooting the A.I.C. reserves won 32 to 30. Cromack led the scoring with 8 points, followed by Harnish with 7, and John Gagliardo, who tossed 5 points through the hoop.

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CIVILIAN CHATTER

By BOB HUBLEY

It undoubtedly will be quite a shock to the many ardent readers of this sheet to once again find a column on civilian life here at Tech. During the many months in the past few years when the Navy enrollment overshadowed that of the civilians, it was only natural that news of the Unit should be preponderant. Now, however, that the ranks of the civilians have once again become swelled, we feel that a civilian column has once more come into its own right.

Well, now that this is off my chest, I'd like to take another breath and toss a bouquet. The Sophomore Hop, which marked the first civilian-sponsored social affair in well over a year, was a complete success. However, a lot of credit is due to Auggie Kellermann, Tom McCaw, and Harry Mehrer who helped on the Navy end.

While I'm throwing bouquets, I think the Boyntonians really deserve one. They provided top-notch music

all night, warming to their task as the time flitted by.

It sure was some fun trying to climb those ice-covered paths up to Salisbury and Boynton during the past week. Trying to tell this to Doc Heller as an excuse for being late for work at the dorm was still another story, as Schramm knows only too well.

I hear that the boys have quite a time in their Saturday afternoon drawing classes. They missed the Army-Navy game last week only because no one could dig up a radio for the affair.

Wonder when Doc Carpenter is going to have the gym roof fixed? The melting snow dripping through the roof onto the court has already caused quite a few nasty spills during basketball practice. If not repaired soon, there will be a lot of extra action at the games, possibly ending in injuries for the less fortunate.

Founder's Day

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folding Boynton's plan to them. The first man to be contacted was Reverend Seth Sweetser, Pastor of the Calvinist Church, now the Central Church, a scholar of wide fame. The second man exposed to Boynton's plan, was Emory Washburn, a professor of Law at Harvard University. Other men who formed the founders of our school were Stephen Salisbury, member of the Massachusetts Bar, and Ichabod Washburn, a leading industrialist, and a deeply religious man.

With these men acting as a nucleus, slowly the plans for the school began to take shape. Several legal steps were necessary to submit a bill to the Massachusetts General Court in order to obtain a charter; and soon the school was incorporated in 1865.

The school opened its doors for the first students on November 11, 1868 and the first graduation was in 1871.

The original ideas of John Boynton never conceived that the school should advance as far as it did. As was stated before, he had no definite plan as to the scope of its growth. The original plan merely provided for a school where youth could be instructed . . . "in branches of education not usually taught in the public schools, which are essential, and best adapted to train the young man for practical life; and especially, that such as are intending to be mechanics, or manufacturers, or farmers, may attain an understanding of the principles of science applicable to their pursuits. . . ." But the plan

went further than this as the professors slowly brought into the curriculum of the school the subjects of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Chemistry, Architecture, and Metallurgy, besides the fundamental sciences.

Many changes have occurred since the original class entered Tech 77 years ago. Several new buildings have been built with the Alden Memorial and the Higgins Laboratory the latest additions to the campus. The original professors have long since departed and new men have come to take their places, but even with the changes in the size of the campus and the personnel, the Institute has maintained the high standards which were set up when Tech was among the first engineering colleges in the country.

New Skipper at Tech

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station at South Weymouth, Massachusetts, he returned to Lakehurst as Chief of Staff. It was while there that he received his orders to take control of the naval units at Worcester Tech and Holy Cross. He assumed command March 12, 1945.

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Debating Team Drops First Contest

Clark Debaters Impress Judges in Closely Contested Debate

Last Monday, December 3, Tech's Debating Society opened their current season by a debate with Clark University. The meeting was held in the Janet Earle room, and it marked the beginning of a series of debates between Tech, Holy Cross, and Clark University.

The topic was "Whether or Not the United States Should Direct Its Foreign Policy toward the Establishment of Free Trade among the Nations of the World." Tech was ably represented by Allan Glazer, president of the debating society, and Robert Lerner. Our team took the affirmative side of the question. The negative side was presented by the Clark debaters, Margaret Noe and Ann McKenna.

Bob Hubley, chairman of the debate, introduced the speakers in turn. Each contestant gave a ten minute talk for his particular side of the argument. A five minute rebuttal period was held at the end of each individual talk during which the flaws and good points of the argument were pointed out.

The debate was hotly contested, but the judges gave the winning decision to the Clark team. Dr. J. H. Schultz of Tech, Professor Brackett of Clark University, and Rev. Van Winkle of St. Stefan's Episcopal Church comprised the judging committee.

A return meeting will be held by our debating team and Clark in the near future. Following the Christmas holidays, the same subject will be debated with Holy Cross.

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CEILING ZERO

By Norm Poirier

Once upon a midnight dreary while I pondered weak and weary on how to desperately cram a crib sheet into the back of my sliderule (we were having an exam the next day), the first thing I knew my mind was drifting ahead to the Christmas season. There is no doubt in my mind or my pocketbook that this holiday is the most effective and welcomed of them all. When I was a child all that Xmas meant to me was a new drum, or train or truck, but now that I'm matured and in this man's Navy, it means more than that. Now I get sleds, crayons, and if extra nice, a new engraved toothbrush. The most important asset attached to Xmas is that it could easily be termed "know your relatives' day" (for they are the first to arrive and the last to leave on this day).

One thing I have noticed in the past is that there is more faith being placed in Santa Claus. Why, only last year, I remember going through a department store and seeing a long line of baldheaded men waiting in turn to speak to Santa. They were all inviting him to their homes for Christmas Eve when I discovered upon closer examination that St. Nick was a beautiful woman. It was the first time I wanted to spend Christmas at Santa's house rather than have him come to mine.

But some people have no Christmas spirit at all. The only reason J. Bradford hangs up his stockings Xmas eve is through fear that if he doesn't tie them down some way, they'll get up and chase him around the room. (HE changes them at least once a year).

And then there's Bill Kelly; for six Christmases he went around singing carols in the hope that the choirmaster might "discover" him. He did, and so Bill Kelly joined the Navy. Jean "Scrooge" Ritter who believes that all who are merry at Christmas should be buried with a

sliderule in their hearts up to the tangent of 5. He's the type that hangs mistletoe in a telephone booth so that the minute an innocent young girl enters the booth to call her mother, he and his gang dash in, bid her a merry holiday, collect their reward, and tell the mother that they will be around for dinner, grab the mistletoe, and dash off towards another booth.

Four years ago Hal Schimmack read the proverb, "It's not what you give, it's how you give it," and ever since he's been giving his girl elaborate gifts which he charges to her account on any and every occasion (Poor Betty).

One fellow I would hate to feed over the leave is Pres Grout. I won't say that he loves to eat, but when a boy gives his mother a cook book, a skillet, and egg beater for eight Christmases in a row, that is going too far.

I have made up a list of what I am going to buy for my friends in the Unit, and it reads something like this: something that isn't obvious for Red Bowman, a three way stretch girdle for George Fritz, a bottle of hair tonic for Joe Conroy, a muzzle for Howie France, a jar of honey for Mayo's bees, a duet cup for Kuykendall's drawl, a mute for Jurgens, suspenders to hold up Chief Creeden's pants and a belt to hold in his stomach, and a bottle of hair tonic for Tom Lempges' "oh so beautiful hair." Now that Hoffee is married I'll have to look up a new man for Chris Herbert or he'll just die. Last but not least, a new "phenorten" for 753's Advanced Strength class.

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